

St. Louise de Marillac

Catholic Parish • Warren, MI

July 25, 2021



17th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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 Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Tuesday: 12 Noon Thursday: 12 Noon Friday: 12 Noon

Holy Days: Consult bulletin

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - 1st Sunday of the Month at the 11:30 am Mass

Reconciliation - Saturdays 9:45 - 10:30 am

Marriage - 6 months prior notification

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Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to worship this last Sunday of July! Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been coming here all your life, we hope your time of worship and fellowship is a blessing.

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you came. Interested in becoming a parishioner at St. Louise de Marillac?

Contact our office at 586-751-3340

REFLECT

FIRST READING

(2 Kgs 4:43)

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

SECOND READING

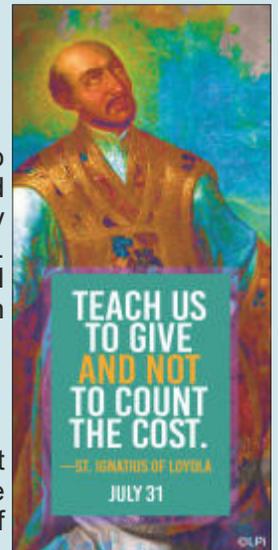
(Eph 4:4-6)

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

GOSPEL READING

(Jn 6:11)

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into the world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?



MISSION STATEMENT: St. Louise de Marillac Parish is a Christ-centered Community committed to worship, service and the development of our faith. Through the sacraments we are empowered to embrace the future, welcome people from diverse backgrounds and follow the example of our patroness, St. Louise de Marillac, serving the spiritual and temporal needs of others.

St. Louise Happenings



On Friday, August 27, we will have our 2nd Annual Golf Outing-Fundraiser at Hickory Hollow Golf Club.

We would like to ask for your support in a few different ways:

1. **BECOME A TEE SPONSOR** - For a \$100 donation, you, your business or a memorial name of a deceased loved one will be acknowledged with a sign at one of the starting tees.
2. **DONATIONS** of gift cards, lottery tickets or monetary donations.
3. **CREATE A "THEME BASKET"** just like we had for festival.
4. **NEW, UNOPENED GIFTS** you may have tucked away.

And of course, if you are a golfer, grab some golfing buddies and register to play!

Our parish family has always been very generous for many, many years supporting the various fundraisers we have had, and hopefully, you will be able to do so again.

You may bring your donations to the parish office (see office hours), send by mail, or bring to church and deposit in the donation basket. Make checks payable to **St. Louise Golf Outing**. Please print **GOLF OUTING** on the envelope.

Thank you in advance for your donation. Pray for good weather on August 27. If you'd like more information or need a registration form, contact Shirley at 586.703.7205 or email stlouise50@gmail.com



HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION

Please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Mass during the week. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.

In addition to reciting the rosary in church, consider offering up a spiritual gift for our country by reciting the rosary, or at least a decade, at 7 pm everyday. Pray for the end to unrest, anger and mutual disrespect in our country, and for the return of civility, harmony, and peace in our society. Every prayer will help.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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We are looking forward to returning to in-person learning in the fall and are in need of disciples of Christ to model and share their faith in our after-school religious education program.

Many people get nervous when the call for this ministry goes out. This may be due to pre-conceived or experience of rowdy classrooms, unorganized leadership, or a number of other reasons. It's a New Day! As an administrator and educator, I can promise you this, not only are our students respectful, they are expected to come open and ready to learn.

Our leveled program provides accountability on both the child, parent, and the parish in forming their faith. Our team will be fully trained to teach the child of the 21st century. From technology to real life experiences, our E.A.G.L.E. method will form a band of joyful missionary disciples equipped and eager to meet the needs of our parish and community.

Our kids need strong, moral, and upstanding examples in their lives now more than ever before. I hope you will say yes to this invitation.

Have you been thinking about it? Are you ready to say, "yes". Please contact me at music@stldm.org for more information.

Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:15-6:45pm beginning September 14, 2021. We are also in need of classroom aides, hall-monitors, prayer-testers, mentors, and more. I am ready to take your call.

Greg Crachiolo
Director of Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education 2021-2022 is still open. Please register your children grades K-8 at shorturl.at/otCUY as soon as possible.

COMPLETELY DEVOTED

Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for him. It is easier to serve that to pour out our lives completely for him. The goal of the call of God is his satisfaction, not simply that we should do something *for* him. We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in his battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ himself?

~Oswald Chambers

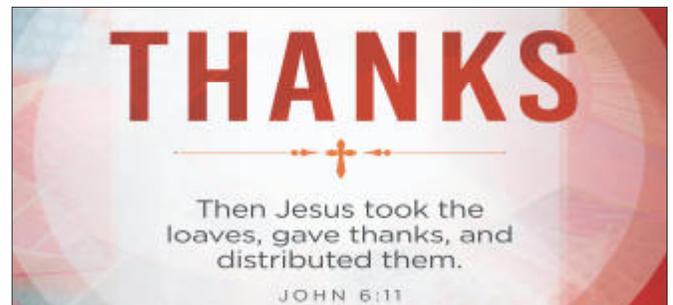
Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

MIXED MESSAGES

For their summer offering, Sunday school students donated money to a missionary family. Before teachers sent a care package overseas, they asked students to write short notes, letting the recipients know they were in children's prayers.

"The family is pretty busy," one teacher mentioned, in case the kids hoped to become pen pals. "You might not get a response, but it's kind of you to write."

When teachers collected the messages, they chuckled at what on brutally honest child had written: "We're praying for you, but we don't expect an answer."



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It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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St. Louise de Marillac has now raised \$39,420 towards our 2021 CSA target of \$65,690. Thank you to the 162 parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs, and services that the Catholic Service Appeal funds help us Unleash the Gospel in our own parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. Truly, we Fuel the Mission to witness Christ!

If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, you may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided to you. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at givecsa.org.

CSA Committee



Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of	07/18/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,000
Weekly Offering Received	\$6,474
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$277
YTD - Budget	\$21,000
YTD - Actual	\$18,902
YTD - Capital Improvement/Utilities (Budgeted Year Goal \$18,500)	\$2,183

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Community Prayer List

Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:

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| Olga Bass | Barbara Montalvo Family |
| Harold Booms | Ted Niedbala |
| Margaret Brehmer | Evelyn Osepchuk |
| Terrie Cervera Family | Deacon Charlie Pace |
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| Kevin Crepeau | Priscilla Podowski |
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| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Msgr. Thomas Rice |
| Jomar Ferinand | Olivia Rokicki |
| Irene Filio | Jerry Sanocki |
| Jelka Gern | Scott Snyder |
| Nora & Tom Griffin | Camile Stockdale |
| Maria Hawes | Mary Ellen Tyszka |
| Debbie Hebel | Helen Walczak |
| Joe Hebel | Eleanor Weathers |
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| Zoë Kinsella Johnson | Walter Wisniewski |
| Cindy Kolar | Kristine Yang |
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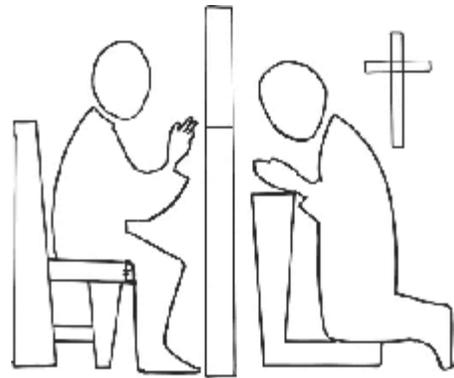
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
12 Noon

Thursday, July 29, 2021
12 Noon

Friday, July 30, 2021
12 Noon

Saturday, July 31, 2021
4 pm Cindy Kolar (Health) by Father Stanley Banas by Wife

Sunday, August 1, 2021
9:30 am Stanislaw Kon by Mother Ann Martin by Ann Campbell
11:30 am For the Parishioners for St. Louise



RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -- 9:45 - 10:30 am

REMINDER

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.

In Our Prayers

Almighty Lord,
Cover your children with your sovereign hand, bring restoration and healing to their bodies.
In Jesus name, Amen.

An angel says . . .

... may you never miss the beauty of a sunrise or sunset because you are looking down.

PRAYER VIGIL for LIFE!

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children.”
Luke 1:17

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PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Helpers of God’s Precious Infants of Michigan, in conjunction with St. Basil the Great Parish, will hold a formal Pro-Life prayer vigil on Saturday, July 31. The vigil starts with Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron and Fr. Fedewa at St. Basil the Great in Eastpointe at 8:00 am, followed by a peaceful, prayerful rosary procession from St. Veronica’s Church at 9:15 am to pray in front of two East 8 Mile Road abortion clinics, then returning to St. Basils at 10:45 am for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

“Helpers” has been conducting Pro-Life Prayer Vigils for over 20 years, since September, 2000. You are encouraged to be witnesses for LIFE!

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ON VOCATION? USE GPS

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* - following his call to both feed our passions and serve other. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where (our) deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It is not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength*, or *Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation* or *Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

~Heidi Mann

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